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SUBJECT: FRG RELATIONS WITH CHILE

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SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO FRG FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE, WISCHNEWSKI VISIT TO CHILE DEALT ONLY WITH HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS, MAKING SOME PROGRESS ON THIS SCORE. BEFORE LEAVING BONN, WISCHNEWSKI ASSURED CHILEAN AMBASSADOR THAT DM 21 MILLION CREDIT WAS ON TRACKS; NEITHER SIDE RAISED THIS ISSUE IN SANTIAGO. FRG STILL UNDECIDED ABOUT FURTHER CREDITS. END SUMMARY

1. EMBOFF MET WITH DR. NOELLE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WESTERN LATIN AMERICA DESK IN FRG FONOFF, ON DEC 5 TO DISCUSS FRG-CHILEAN RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO NOELLE, MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI'S SOLE PURPOSE FOR VISIT-ING CHILE WAS TO PURSUE HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS. ON FIRST FULL DAY OF HIS VISIT, HE PRESENTED A LIST CONTAINING 42 NAMES TO INTERIOR MINISTER BENAVIDES, REQUESTING THAT PERSONS LISTED BE RELEASED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. WISCHNEWSKI EMPHASIZED HIS PERSONAL CONCERN, AND ASKED

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THAT HIS REQUEST BE GIVEN PROMPT CONSIDERATION. AFTER

SOME DIFFICULTY IN DETERMINING LOCATION OF SOME OF  
DETAINEES, CHILEANS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO FRG  
REQUEST. IN FACT, FOURTEEN COULD BE RELEASED QUOTE  
IMMEDIATELY UNQUOTE (ACCORDING TO NOELLE, AT LEAST FOUR  
OF THOSE ON WISCHNEWSKI'S LIST HAVE ALREADY LEFT CHILE).  
THE LONE QUOTE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT CASE UNQUOTE,  
SAID CHILEANS, WAS THAT OF FORMER FONMIN ALMEYDA;  
CHILEANS EMPHASIZED HIS DETENTION STEMMED NOT FROM  
HIS POLITICS, BUT RATHER FROM HIS MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT  
FUNDS. (NOELLE VOLUNTEERED OPINION THAT CHILEANS WOULD  
NOT RELEASE ALMEYDA.)

2. CONTRARY TO IMPRESSION CONVEYED BY FONMIN CARVAJAL  
IN PARA 2 OF REFTTEL (A), NOELLE MAINTAINED THAT DM 21  
MILLION CREDIT FOR CHILE WAS NEVER RAISED BY EITHER SIDE  
DURING VISIT. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM BONN.,  
WISCHNEWSKI ASSURED CHILEAN AMBASSADOR -THAT FRG  
COMMITMENT WOULD BE HONORED.

3. FURTHER FRG CAPITAL ASSISTANCE IS STILL VERY MUCH  
AN OPEN QUESTION. AID MINISTER BAHR'S OPPOSITION TO  
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IS UNDIMINISHED, BUT FRG FONMIN  
GENSCHER AND ECONMIN FRIDERICH'S CONTINUE TO FAVOR AN AID  
PROGRAM. NOELLE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT FRG MSNISTRIES  
HAVE MADE ONLY MINIMAL PROGRESS ON RESOLVING THIS ISSUE  
IN LAST THREE WEEKS.

4. MEXICAN DECISION TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH CHILE WAS  
QUOTE COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED UNQUOTE BY FRG FONOFF. IF  
REPORTS HE HAD BEEN RECEIVING FROM CHILE WERE ACCURATE,  
NOELLE ADDED, MEXICO'S DECISION HAD ALSO COME AS A  
SHOCK TO MEXICAN CHARGE IN SANTIAGO. CASH

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